Statement-II

Details of tiger mortality due to poaching (including seizures) during the last three years & current year (State-wise)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2006	2007	2008	2009
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	1		2
2.	Assam		2		1
3.	Kerala		6	1	
4.	Karnataka				1
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1		2	3
6.	Maharashtra	1			2
7.	Orissa				1
8.	Rajasthan			1	
9.	Tamil Nadu				1
10.	Uttarakhand	2		1	1
11.	Uttar Pradesh		1	1	
12.	West Bengal				1
13.	Delhi			1	1
14.	Goa				1
	Total :	5	10	7	15*

*As on 13.11.2009.

Exploration of new coal reserves

†*53.SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA :
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has entrusted the responsibility of exploring new coal reserves to any particular institutions;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions and the number of coal reserves explored by them till the end of March, 2009;

(c) the number of coal reserves out of the above, in which commercial production has started; and

(d) the target for production of coal for the current year?

† Orignial notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) conducts regional exploration of coal (besides other minerals) on regular basis to identify new coal resources in the country. Besides, Ministry of Coal also undertakes Promotional (regional) exploration of coal through a plan scheme of Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDIL) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL), for supplementing and augmenting the efforts of GSI.

(b) GSI is conducting exploration of coal from pre-independence period under its own programme of mineral exploration. Besides, MECL, GSI and CMPDIL are also undertaking regional exploration of coal resources under the Central Sector Scheme of Promotional Exploration. The Central PSUs (CMPDIL/SCCL), some State Govts. The Scheme of Promotional Exploration and some allocattees of Captive Mining blocks take up detailed exploration. Thereafter, to upgrade the confidence level of coal resources estimated through regional exploration.

Combining the efforts of GSI, MECL, CMPDIL, SCCL and State Govts. etc. (regional/detailed exploration), the total inventory of Geological Resources of coal in India (as per GSI) as on 1.4.09 stands at 267.21 Billion Tonnes.

(c) Reserves falling in potential part of regionally explored area are taken up for detailed exploration, after which Geological Reports and mine feasibility studies/Project Reports are prepared. The commercial production commences only after Mine Plan/Project Reports are approved. This activity takes a considerable amount of time.

(d) The target for production of coal for the current year is 532.33 Mt.

Coal reserve in Andal, West Bengal

†*54.SHRI MOTILAL VORA :
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI :
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that is a coal reserve of more than twenty thousand lakh tonnes in Andal, West Bengal;

(b) whether the quality of this coal has been examined by Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an air port is proposed to be constructed on the above land; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the work of coal mining would be carried out in such a situation?

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